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MERRIMACK ACTIVITIES LOG

DATE AND TIME ----- REMARKS -----

4 April 1968

2100 hrs. [REDACTED] called and requested that in view of KING's assassination, team be activated in order to pick up any early warning information.

2115 hrs. Called [REDACTED] and requested him to activate team.

2120 hrs. [REDACTED] called and was briefed.

2130 hrs. [REDACTED] called and indicated that team consisting of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] activated.

2135 hrs. [REDACTED] advised.

2140 hrs. [REDACTED] called and indicated that [REDACTED] request any significant information which may be developed this date. [REDACTED] to handle with him.

2142 hrs. [REDACTED] advised team will rendezvous at 2300 hrs for critique if appropriate.

2145 hrs. [REDACTED] indicated that Reverend Abernathy, who was in Memphis, Tennessee, had called his office while [REDACTED] was present and he apologized to [REDACTED] that he was unable to keep a pre-arranged appointment with him.

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2220 hrs.

Per [REDACTED], large crowd gathering at 14th & W Streets NW with police and fire trucks present. No out-break of violence; people just congregating and talking. [REDACTED] will cover.

2225 hrs.

[REDACTED]. briefed.

2230 hrs.

[REDACTED] briefed and he requested that [REDACTED] contact [REDACTED] and advise him that the Company had their "antenna up" and would advise him re any significant developments.

2235 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had reported some of the group at 14th and W Streets were now breaking store windows, yelling and causing a disturbance.

2245 hrs.

[REDACTED] confirmed [REDACTED] report and further indicated that people were now throwing rocks and taking mannequins from the store windows and depositing them on the streets. Police still in area.

2305 hrs.

Per [REDACTED], situation deteriorating in the aforementioned area and 2 individuals observed by [REDACTED] carrying TV sets stolen from Sam's Pawn Shop and placing in a car not identified but bearing Maryland State License plates [REDACTED]. Several of the individuals in the crowd had indicated that they were going to march downtown to get the "Jew places." Police in the area but not moving in at disturbance scene.

2307 hrs.

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] briefed. Requested foregoing information re looting, possible march, demonstration be passed by [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].

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0005 hrs.

Per [REDACTED] crowd moving up 14th Street to Irving and Park Road. Looting continuing, crowd bitter and angry and a large number imbibing. Police are not moving in to the trouble area but maintaining close watch on the perimeter and not allowing people to move out of aforesaid area.

0015 hrs.

[REDACTED] briefed.

0025 hrs.

[REDACTED] indicated that crowd has not dispersed but situation appears to be under control.

0115 hrs.

[REDACTED] reported small fire in area; however, everything under control. People still milling around looking for things to pick up or steal. Police still in the area. Per [REDACTED] previous instructions, permission given to [REDACTED] to withdraw covert assets at this time.

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1445 hrs.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] is out on the street now. Colored people are now burning, looting and marching again. Activity at 14th Street and 7th Street.

1505 hrs.

[redacted] advised.

1845 hrs.

Relieved [redacted] He advised that disorder continues in town. [redacted] was contacted and he noted that it will be difficult for his friends to get around tonight in light of the curfew. [redacted] stated that his friends will get around as much as they can. [redacted]

1850 hrs.

Spoke with [redacted] who related above information to me. [redacted]

1920 hrs.

[redacted] called with information timed 1900 from M.S. that the tempo on the streets, according to his sources, is to burn the Cardozo area and all of the "Jew places" Preceding passed to [redacted] at 1922 hrs. [redacted]

2040 hrs.

[redacted] called. He just heard from [redacted] who reported that people on the streets are saying that Carmichael will be in town tonight with guns. Also that along Georgia Ave. from Military Road and south there are several cars with 4 to 5 colored males and females riding up and down casing the area possibly and probably for looting and destruction targets.

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2130 hrs.

[redacted] called and reported that he had just heard from [redacted] that he was in the vicinity of 23rd and E Streets. That that area quiet, no unusual activity noted. [redacted] mentioned that SNCC, Afro-American School and SCLC all occupy the same office. [redacted] noted that his wife engaged in conversation with neighbor [redacted], who is under consideration for being a possible asset of this office, and that she had earlier engaged in a conversation with an unidentified real estate broker who in turn mentioned that Stokley Carmichael recently purchased the premises at 5015 - 16th Street NW, a single family house. [redacted] noted that this house purchase by Carmichael is used for secret purposes.

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1145 hrs.

[redacted] relieved [redacted]

1215 hrs.

[redacted] advised he was home.

1235 hrs.

[redacted] advised efforts seem to be directed at merchants, credit records, etc. No meetings of organizations known to be scheduled.

1520 hrs.

[redacted] advised [redacted] talked to [redacted] who advised to watch out for Monday and Tuesday. At present, things are unorganized, everyone is out for himself.

1525 hrs.

[redacted] advised.

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1545 hrs.

[REDACTED] called. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] told him Sunday should be quiet; however, Monday and Tuesday, when Gov't. workers return to work, things will pick up and guns will be employed. Concern was expressed that police are trying to burn Afro-American headquarters and SCLC. [REDACTED] reports that older people are starting the fires.

1550 hrs..

[REDACTED] advised.

1615 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was briefed and appropriate police were advised of [REDACTED] information.

1620 hrs.

[REDACTED] briefed and took over duty.

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1605 hrs.

[REDACTED] called and reported that he had talked to [REDACTED] earlier regarding information [REDACTED] had picked up from [REDACTED]. Curfew will be at 4 PM to day. No further pertinent information.

1625 hrs.

Where [REDACTED] called and summarized events of the day.

1630 hrs.

[REDACTED] called.

1635 hrs.

[REDACTED] reported that neighbor of [REDACTED] indicated that a small group of negroes had been apprehended by the D.C. police while attempting to transport arms into the Anacostia area.

1735 hrs.

[REDACTED] called and indicated that a police report indicates that Stokely Carmichael and his group will meet at Georgetown University tonight. He asked that this be confirmed if possible.

1750 hrs.

Passed foregoing information to [REDACTED] and asked him to confirm. [REDACTED] reported that group at 13th and L Streets drunk and burning still going on. This group talking about going to Connecticut Avenue later this day.

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1800 hrs.

[redacted] reported that Stokley Carmichael allegedly is guest of [redacted] and would speak at 8 PM tonight at Georgetown University. [redacted] advised and he will check out same with [redacted].

1850 hrs.

[redacted] unable to confirm Stokley's visit to Georgetown U.

1905-1910 hrs.

[redacted] called.

1945 hrs.

[redacted] called. Advised that he could be reached at [redacted].

2005 hrs.

[redacted] reported that the visit of Stokley to Georgetown U. is negative.

2015 hrs.

Called [redacted] Ops. Center and advised him of [redacted]'s report.

2020 hrs.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] to have a private memorial mass for Martin Luther King on Sunday, 11 AM, 7 April 1968, at Georgetown U. in Copley Hall. This mass is not publicized and only select few people (35) have been invited to attend.

2030 hrs.

Advised [redacted]

2109 hrs.

[redacted] called

2110 hrs.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] has been unable to get in touch with [redacted]. Everything quiet except for a very few smoldering fires.

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2115 hrs.

Advised [redacted] of the foregoing.

2120 hrs.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] had overheard conversation which disclosed that a group of negroes were reportedly going to assemble at 5th and Oglethorpe Streets (Coolidge High School) and proceed through the residential areas. Purpose unknown. Negroes were instructed to put signs on their cars and front doors reflecting the fact that they were "soul brothers" and also to put their front porch lights on.

2130 hrs.

[redacted] advised.

2235 hrs.

[redacted] advised everything is dead, downtown exceptionally quiet. [redacted] car stopped by gendarmes about 15 times. With the latter information, I recommended to [redacted] that the team sign off for the night.

2240 hrs.

V.R.W., R.O.T. and Jack Kelley advised.

2300 hrs.

Lights out.

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0815 hrs.

Called [redacted] at Ops. Center - he reported everything quiet.

0925 hrs.

Called [redacted]

1050 hrs.

Called [redacted] and told him to hold the team pending further instructions.

1120 hrs.

[redacted] called for briefing.

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1140 hrs.

Called [REDACTED] at Ops. Center for any new developments.

1330 hrs.

[REDACTED] called and relieved [REDACTED].

1510 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised that he was unable to reach [REDACTED]. He reported that allegedly a National Guardsman was shot at 14th and V Streets. Monday at 5:30 AM a car caravan will leave the School for Afro-American Thought, 2208 14th St. NW for Richmond, Virginia where they will demand H. Rap Brown's release. SNCC Headquarters now located at School for Afro-American Thought.

1515 hrs.

Aforementioned information passed to [REDACTED] working at the Ops. Center.

1710 hrs.

[REDACTED] called and was briefed on latest developments. He assumed duty for the remainder of the day and night.

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8 April 1968

1655 hrs,

[REDACTED] called stating [REDACTED] reports that Howard U. student tenant at [REDACTED] saw Stokely Carmichael enter either the 1st floor or basement apartment Saturday night.

1964 Directory lists the following people at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Polk's Directory - as of March 1968 lists [REDACTED] as living at [REDACTED]

A [REDACTED] is also listed at the above address in the 1967 Polks.

This information passed to [REDACTED] 8 April 1968, 1745 hrs.

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1420 hrs.

Reported to

that entrance to the District during curfew hours could be achieved via Theodore Roosevelt Bridge from George Washington Parkway, Virginia side, over bridge to Rockcreek turn-off or through E. Street expressway. There were no check points during early evening, 7 April 1968.

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9 April 1968

1505 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised following:

- a. Stokely Carmichael's whereabouts unknown
- b. School for Afro-American Thought and SNCC will be open after King's services are over.
- c. Troops on the alert.
- d. Pride, Inc., 1536 U Streets NW "Black" thugs (undetermined number) hanging around Pride office and have been drinking. Defamatory remarks about caucasians.
- e. Curfew - 7 PM to 5:30 AM
- f. [REDACTED] will cover McLean, Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church and Buckingham. [REDACTED] will cover D.C. area.

1710 hrs.

[REDACTED] reported fire at 14th & Park Road NW. Center for Emergency Support located at 437 Butternut Street NW, distributing noteworthy literature.

1715 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised of [REDACTED]'s report.

1900 hrs.

Curfew is on.

1905

[REDACTED] reported that Butternut Street address is for [REDACTED] (WSP Type) Literature being distributed everywhere by the Center for Emergency Support.

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2010 hrs.

[redacted] reported everything is very quiet, streets are deserted. People requested to make checks out to Center for Emergency support and mail to 1520 New Hampshire Avenue. This address is a four story white, narrow brick building - lights on throughout the building.

[redacted] attending Ethical Society meeting tonight. Since everything is quiet, permission granted for [redacted] to fold up at 2100 hours.

2030 hrs.

Checked in with [redacted]
Told them would pick up from home.

2030 - 2100 hrs.

Called [redacted] and assumed watch at my residence.

2125 hrs.

[redacted] reported that at about 1730 hrs. [redacted] had observed two negro males and two negro females in a 1968 yellow Ford bearing D.C. licence, [redacted] at 12th Place NW. They had a large stack of money and were distributing same amongst themselves. [redacted] during the conduct of the riot, had observed vehicles carrying "suspicious acting male negroes" in the vicinity of 14th Street. These vehicles were not identified but their license plates were as follows: D.C. [redacted] D.C. [redacted] D.C. [redacted] further indicated that the Ethical Society meeting that had been scheduled for this evening was called off. He also stated that all was quiet in Virginia.

2135 hrs.

Called [redacted].

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12 April 1968

1825 hrs.

[REDACTED] called to report a small group of 15 to 20 people gathered on the front steps of St. Stephen's Church. SCLC literature being passed out. Police and soldiers with radio jeeps there. Orderly at this time.

1840 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised.

1845 hrs.

[REDACTED] called. Everything orderly but crowd increasing (mostly white, about 100). Nuns observing proceedings. Man with bongos and large cross. Signs about Vietnam war and assassination being carried by whites. Appears to be the formation of a Good Friday procession.

1855 hrs.

[REDACTED] briefed.

2000 hrs.

[REDACTED] called. About 200-250 people (90% white) did not have procession, instead went into the basement of Church. Raising funds for the Poor People's Campaign. Entertainment and singing. White girl, 20 years, took a liking toward source. Asked him to get in touch next time in town. Girls name: [REDACTED] Hyattsville, Md. Intends to move soon. Quiet, social affair.

2010 hrs.

Called [REDACTED] - Out for 20 minutes.

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2015 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised.

2045 hrs.

[REDACTED] advised.

2230 hrs.

Called [REDACTED] who had been out to dinner.